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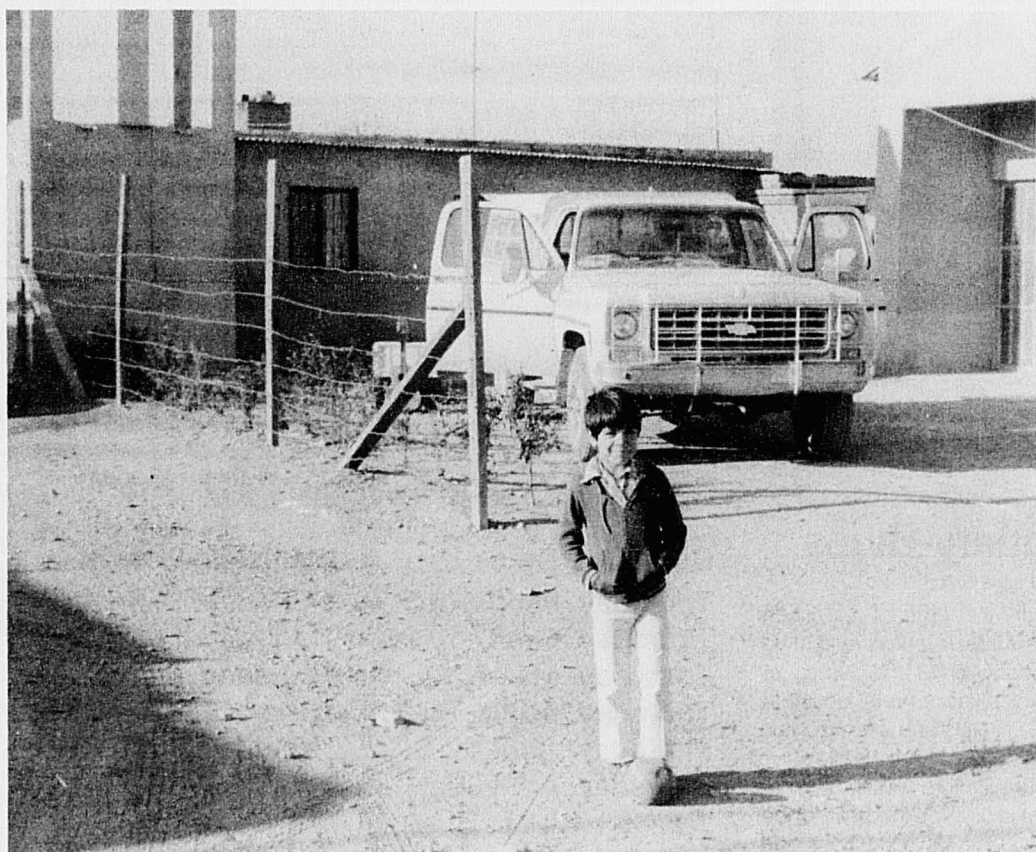
Mexico Experience Touches 10 students

by Patrick Wood

A group of nine Avila students and I returned home, January 15, from a Christmas Service Project in Cuauthemac Mexico. During the past week we have been bombarded with three questions. "What did you do there?" "What did you see?" "What were people like?"

Once in Cuauthemac we went right to work. We put ceiling tiles in the house where we bunked and laid the remaining foundation of a church in one of the newly developed Colonias. Through daily conversation with the people of the Colonias, we were given insight into the political and economic state of Mexico and the Mexican culture. We also learned the secret to the fine art of Mexican cooking and found time to scale the mountains. The mountains were beauti-

ful. They were also rugged and very exhausting to climb. The deserts were vast and tranquil, and the churches were serene and soothing. The Mexican art reflected both the religious and political history of the country. The story of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Mexican revolution are two important events that unite the people of Mexico. On the other hand, it is the poverty which is apparent through out all of Mexico that afflicts most of the people. However, despite this economic hardship the Mexican people endure. Their motivation to live stems from their determination to overcome their tribulations. They hold an optimistic view of life which makes them warm-hearted, strong-willed, and people of faith.



Avila Reacts to Marian Improvements

by Jeff Barker

Many students and faculty members were surprised, yet pleased, when they saw the results of the Marian Centre remodeling which took place over the semester break. Marian Centre Manager Chris Raders is very enthusiastic about the changes. "It's fantastic. There's a lot more space now," said Raders. "There was a little shock that the fireplace was gone, but once people noticed the amount of space that was gained, they were happy." Raders added that Marian still has a fireplace in the downstairs Snack Bar.

Most people agree that more people seem to be using the Alumni Lounge now, especially those who watch television. Sister Ann Dominic commented on the room with the removal of the fireplace. "It appears to be an attractive meeting place. The area seems to be more spacious. The carpeting and the new offices look very nice." Sister

Margaret Rinehart also commented on the lounge area. "Although there may have been a romantic attachment to the fireplace, it does not seem that it was functional. Now the room is much more open. Also the offices appear well designed."

Student reaction to the Alumni Lounge is also favorable. Lisa Ruggiero likes the relaxing atmosphere. "The room is not as cluttered now. The fireplace was only in the way," said Ruggiero. Djuana Jewitt thinks the changes are a noticeable improvement. "The lounge is much more comfortable and spacious," said Jewitt. She likes the way chairs are arranged to face the television and how the room is divided into study and entertainment areas. But, both Ruggiero and Jewitt agreed that glare from the afternoon sun sometimes makes it difficult to watch the television during the midday.

**Welcome
back
and
good luck
second
semester
from the
Examiner
staff**

Scenes from Cuauthemac

Photos by Patrick Wood

**Student Life Handbooks
are now available
in the
Student Life Office.
Pick up yours today.**

Impressions

by Patrick Wood

Imagine, a family of six living in a small two-room house made of mud, brick, and cement. They awake to sub-zero temperatures. The only warmth in the house comes from a small square wood-burning stove and the simple clothing they wear.

For breakfast, the family eats eggs and the leftovers from last night's dinner. They feel very fortunate to have enough food for everyone; money for fresh milk and bread proves to be a luxury.

Following breakfast, the chores begin. Mama begins to wash the morning dishes in the dish tub. Papa heads out the door. He is one of the few people in town employed at one of the cooperative plants. Although he is working for a daily wage of 2,000 pesos — which is less than three dollars a day — he is thankful. The children follow out the door. They begin to work diligently before departing for school. The older son walks with his burro a fourth of a mile down a canyon for fresh water, while his younger brother gathers firewood. The

youngest girl prepares to hand wash laundry and the oldest sister leaves for town to complete the day's shopping for food.

About late afternoon, the family is together again, and begins to prepare for their evening meal. Papa is seated in the corner by the window, relaxing, smoking a cigarette. Thoughts of work and money pass through his head, as he watches his sons playing soccer outdoors with their friends. The women are gathered in the kitchen talking, as they are slicing and dicing, frying and baking. Mama is teaching them the fine art of making burritos.

Dinner is over. The evening chores are done. There is no TV or radio, so the family enjoys each other. They talk about the day's events, share a joke or two, and sing old Mexican folk songs.

The evening passes. They share an evening prayer, thanking God for the blessing of another day. They prepare to go to bed, hoping to wake up to a new horizon.

Editorial Notebook: Fate ... as determined by me!

by Seymour Pawful, Groundhog Commentator

It's only a few days away, but already the tension is mounting. I'm having trouble sleeping at night. The same images haunting me -- the cameras, the noisy children, the know-it-all zoo keepers and the naive public. It happens to me every year. The pressure of the job puts unbearable responsibility on me -- one year I even thought about doing away with myself before the big day. Do you realize that

the groundhog suicide rate increase drastically at this time of year?

In reality, February 2 is just a meteorologists' day off. The only day in the calendar year that weather reporters are not held responsible for a prediction. Couldn't they find another day, like the Fourth of July? You'll

never understand what this day does to me. My thick winter coat begins to shed, I begin eating every snub and grub in sight and, soon, my cozy little hole I call home becomes a little too small and cozy. This year especially, the gray hairs have made me appear to be thirty years

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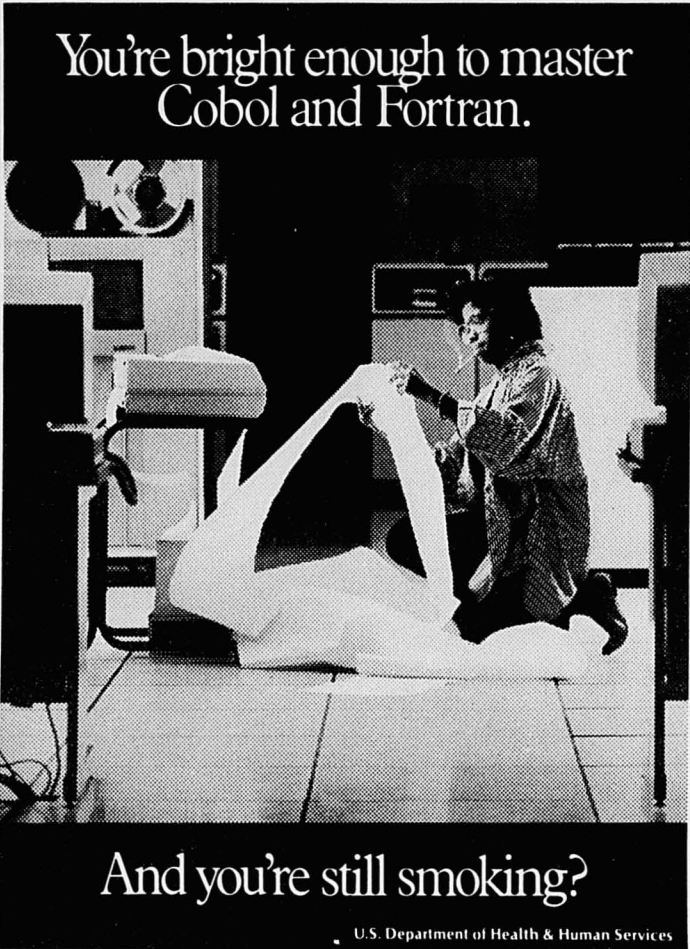
The Black Catholic Caucus of Greater Kansas City

Reverend James Terry Steib, S.V.D. Auxiliary Bishop of the ArchDiocese of St. Louis, Missouri will be the speaker for our eighth Annual BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION, Saturday, February 7, 1987 at St. John's Diocesan Center - 2015 E. 72nd, Kansas City, Missouri. The Celebration begins at 7:30 p.m. with the doors opening at 7:00 p.m.

The theme will be UMOJA (Unity). UMOJA is one of the seven Black Values. UMOJA is to strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.

Tickets may be secured, for a \$5.00 donation, from members of the Black Catholic Caucus or by calling Forestine Holman, Secretary 842-5547. Tickets will also be available at the door. A reception will follow the presentation by Bishop Steib.

Transportation can be arranged for Avila students through Campus Ministry.



The Faculty Corner

Welcome to the first issue of the FACULTY CORNER. This column is intended to give all of the readers of the Avila Examiner the opportunity to read about some of the books our faculty have been reading. In each issue of the Examiner, we hope to provide you with one or two reviews of books that have either professional or personal importance to Avila's students, faculty and staff.

This first review concerns one of the experiences we have as professionals, the interview. As the author of this review states: "Whether one is in the role of interviewer or interviewee, a better understanding of the basic skills can enhance communication."

The author of the following review is Bill Covington, Jr. Bill is an assistant professor of communication at Avila and is the coordinator of our communication studies program.

Interview, by Marvin Gottlieb. White Plains, New York: Longman, Inc., 1986. 200 pages.

Marvin Gottlieb's book contains practical information for existing managers concerned with conducting profitable appraisal interviews, students honing their skills in preparation for the employment interview, professionals engaged in counseling interviews, and anyone interested in selling an idea to another through the persuasive interview.

The book is organized in such a manner as to present the necessary techniques required in any of the interview formats. From this foundation, the interviewer can apply the skills to the given situation. An example of how pragmatic the skills are can be seen in the appraisal

interview. Legislation in the recent past involving Affirmative Action and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), has placed the responsibility upon managers to justify and document decisions made in regards to promotion and demotion. Techniques covered in the book enable managers to clearly document such decisions based on measurable performance rather than personality or other biases.

There are some weaknesses in Interview. From the outset Gottlieb draws an analogy between the interview process and a game of chess. The analogy is inappropriate due to the connotations associated with game playing. An interview regarding a job performance, personal problem, major decision, or purchase offer should not be relegated to game playing.

A second major flaw in the work concerns Gottlieb's treatment of the employment interview. An apparent contradiction surfaces when he correctly tells readers to project the image that he or she is a person with whom the boss can get along, but then a few pages over advises to refuse to answer a question that doesn't directly relate to the job. This error could cause an applicant to be perceived as uncooperative and defensive. What Gottlieb fails to realize is that the interviewer could be utilizing an indirect approach to learn more about the interviewee's personality, background, how well he or she responds to pressure, or other similar factor.

Overall the book contains information which nearly everyone would utilize at some point. Clearly the interview process is repeated throughout an individual's career.

Whether one is in the role of interviewer or interviewee, a better understanding of the basic skills can enhance communication.

January Blues

by Chrissy Effertz

January--that time of year when the snow falls, the days tend to be somewhat gloomy, and classes resume for students and faculty at Avila College. This is sometimes known as the "January Blues."

After a nice five weeks of vacation, one must face the reality of the new year with its resolutions and also a new semester at Avila. These two things just happen to come around January.

Talking to some of the faculty and students on campus was a good way to find out how they felt about the returning to school and the new semester. Djuana Jewitt, senior at Avila, says "that her Christmas break was spent working, so coming back to school was more or less a break from her job." Shannon Effertz, sophomore at Avila, says "that she spent her Christmas in Hawaii, so getting back into the swing of things was a rude awakening to reality." Bill Covington, Jr., Coordinator of Communication Studies, says that "he spent his vacation in Louisiana, so he is glad to be back to start working on worthwhile projects." And finally, Gary Morgan, Director of Student Development, says that "his break was short, because he had to work and no time to play. But he's exited about coming back, because he likes the beginning of a new semester."

So, as one can see, January may be the time of year where the blues drop by; it's also a time for new beginnings to fly.

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| Thursday, February 19 ... | Thursday, February 26 |
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| Thursday, April 2 | Thursday, April 9 |
| Thursday, April 16 | Thursday, April 23 |
| Thursday, April 30 | Thursday, May 7 |

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S.U.B. Happenings

FEBRUARY

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| TUESDAY 3 | Eddie Strange (Comedian) & Mark Selby (Musician) - 8:30 p.m. Snack Bar |
| FRIDAY 6 | FILM - <i>Running Brave</i> - 7:30 p.m. Marian Centre Lounge |
| WEDNESDAY 11 | FILM - <i>Little Rascals Series</i> - 9:00 p.m. Marian Centre Lounge |
| WEDNESDAY 18 | FILM - <i>Casablanca</i> - 9:00 p.m. Marian Centre Lounge |
| FRIDAY 20 | FILM - <i>Horror Marathon</i> - 7:30 p.m. Marian Centre Lounge |
| WEDNESDAY 25 | FILM - <i>California Suite</i> - 9:00 p.m. Marian Centre Lounge |
| FRIDAY 27 | FILM - <i>Roll of Thunder - Hear My Cry</i> 7:30 p.m. Marian Centre Lounge |

Student Union Board FILM SERIES

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|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| January 30 | TOUGH GUYS (Snack Bar) 7:30 p.m. (Fri.) |
| February 6 | RUNNING BRAVE 7:30 p.m. (Fri.) |
| February 11 | LITTLE RASCALS SERIES 7:30 p.m. (Wed.) |
| February 18 | CASABLANCA 9:00 p.m. (Wed.) |
| February 25 | CALIFORNIA SUITE 9:00 p.m. (Wed.) |
| February 27 | ROLL OF THUNDER-HEAR MY CRY 7:30 p.m. (Fri.) |
| March 6 | BIG MOUTH and HOLLYWOOD OR BUST 9:00 p.m. (Wed.) |
| March 20 | OMEN 7:30 p.m. (Fri.) |
| March 25 | 3-D STOOGES 9:00 p.m. (Wed.) |
| March 27 | WILLIE WONKA 7:30 p.m. (Fri.) |
| April 1 | ABBOT and COSTELLO SERIES 9:00 p.m. (Wed.) |
| April 3 | COUNTRY 7:30 p.m. (Fri.) |
| April 10 | GODSPELL 7:30 p.m. (Fri.) |
| April 22 | ENTER THE DRAGON 9:00 p.m. (Wed.) |
| May 8 | MY SCIENCE PROJECT 7:30 p.m. (Fri.) |

All films will be shown in Marian Centre Lounge, except Tough Guys. It will be shown in the Snack Bar.

What's New at the S.U.B. Club



Eddie Strange

The Student Union Board invites you to the S.U.B. Club (Snack Bar) on February 3 at 8:00 p.m.

First, listen to the sensational sounds of "Folk and Roll" by Mark Selby. Mark combines rock, folk, blues, and pop to create wonderfully unique music. Next, if you've had it with normal routine of every day life, how about something a little on the strange side? Well, Eddie Strange is just the person to see.

This is going to be a night full of entertainment. S.U.B. wants you to be our guest, so come join in the fun.



Mark Selby

"Swish" + Rebounds = Victory

by Debby Amos

Avila's Women's Basketball team opened the season with a three point loss to UMKC before recording eight straight victories, a loss to William Jewell and then a semester ending win over M.A.N.C. By Christmas break, the Lady Avalanche had compiled a 9-2 record.

"The UMKC loss was disappointing because we played so well," said freshman Micki Shaw. "They were supposed to win by 30 or more and we almost pulled it off."

With two weeks remaining before the spring semester, the women's basketball team returned to Avila to get ready for the second half of the season. After a week of practice, Avila opened at home on January 10 against Tarkio College. The Avalanche led 36-26 at halftime before establishing a 79-53 win. Sophomore Linda Frencher and freshman Adrian Pendelton each scored 19 points to lead Avila to its tenth victory. Frencher also pulled down 13 rebounds.

The Lady Avalanche's next game on January 12, occurred at home against Park College. After leading 44-38 at the half, Avila pulled away for a 80-66 win. Frencher led in scoring with 26, while Pendelton added 24. Frencher also recored 11 of the team's 33 rebounds.

Avila's next two games found the Avalanche on the road. On January 14, Avila traveled to Atchison, Kansas to face Benedictine College. Although Avila led 39-35 at halftime, by the final buzzer, the Lady Avalanche was handed its third loss of the season. Benedictine pulled ahead to win 78-77. Sophomore Katie Kussman was high scorer, coming off the bench with 16, while sophomore Jodie Lin and Diane McLaury added 14 & 12 respectively. Frencher led in rebounds with 9.

The Lady Avalanche then traveled to Springfield, Missouri to face Evangel College. Although Avila trailed 45-35 at the half, the Lady Avalanche came together to defeat Evangel 86-68. McLaury tossed in 23 while Pendelton and Frencher contributed 21 and 17. Sophomore Jennifer Yarshen and McLaury each pulled down 7 rebounds.

"Evangel was (is) a good team", said Assistant Coach Brad Palmer, "We shut them down and made them play our game during the second half. All and all we played well".

The Avalanche face Park College, January 23; Missouri Western, January 27; and Harris-Stowe from St. Louis on January 30.

Women's Basketball Schedule

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| Tue | Nov 11—U.M.K.C. | Home | 7:30 |
| Sat | Nov 15—Lindenwood | Away | 5:30 |
| Sun | Nov 16—Fontebonne | Away | 2:00 |
| Wed | Nov 19—Missouri Valley | Away | 6:30 |
| Sat | Nov 22—Tarkio | Away | 7:00 |
| Mon | Nov 24—M.A.N.C. | Home | 7:30 |
| Tue | Nov 25—Central Methodist | Away | 5:30 |
| Thu | Dec 4—Baker | Away | 7:00 |
| Sat | Dec 6—Central Methodist | Home | 3:00 |
| Tue | Dec 9—William Jewell | Home | 7:30 |
| Sat | Dec 13—M.A.N.C. | Away | 5:30 |
| Sat | Jan 10—Tarkio | Home | 3:00 |
| Mon | Jan 12—Park | Home | 7:30 |
| Wed | Jan 14—Benedictine | Away | 5:30 |
| Sat | Jan 17—Evangel | Away | 5:15 |
| Tue | Jan 20—Missouri Valley | Home | 6:30 |
| Fri | Jan 23—Park | Away | 7:30 |
| Tue | Jan 27—Missouri Western | Away | 5:30 |
| Fri | Jan 30—Harris-Stowe | Home | 7:30 |
| Tue | Feb 3—Baker | Home | 7:30 |
| Fri | Feb 6—William Woods | Away | 7:30 |
| Sat | Feb 7—Harris-Stowe | Away | 3:00 |
| Sun | Feb 8—Fontbonne | Away | 1:00 |
| Wed | Feb 11—William Woods | Home | 7:30 |
| Thu | Feb 12—Rockhurst | Home | 7:30 |
| Sat | Feb 14—Evangel | Home | 5:15 |
| Sun | Feb 15—Lindenwood | Home | 1:00 |
| Tue | Feb 17—William Jewell | Away | 5:00 |
| Fri | Feb 20—Rockhurst | Away | 5:15 |

Head Coach: Joel Ziltron

Men's Basketball Schedule

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|-----|----------------------------|------|------|
| Mon | Nov 17—Mid-America | Home | 7:30 |
| Fri | Nov 21—Mid-America Classic | Away | 6:00 |
| Sat | Nov 22—Mid-America Classic | Away | 6:00 |
| Tue | Nov 25—Park | Home | 7:30 |
| Thu | Nov 27—Evangel Tourney | Away | TBA |
| Fri | Nov 28—Evangel Tourney | Away | TBA |
| Sat | Nov 30—Evangel Tourney | Away | TBA |
| Tue | Dec 2—William Jewell | Home | 7:30 |
| Sat | Dec 6—Pittsburg State Univ | Away | 7:30 |
| Tue | Dec 9—C.M.S.U. | Away | 7:30 |
| Sat | Dec 13—Mid-America | Away | 7:30 |
| Sat | Dec 20—Marymount | Home | 7:30 |
| Wed | Jan 7—K.C. Tourney | Away | TBA |
| Thu | Jan 8—K.C. Tourney | Away | TBA |
| Fri | Jan 9—K.C. Tourney | Away | TBA |
| Sat | Jan 10—K.C. Tourney | Away | TBA |
| Wed | Jan 14—Benedictine | Away | 7:30 |
| Sat | Jan 17—Evangel | Away | 7:30 |
| Sat | Jan 24—Drury | Home | 7:30 |
| Tue | Jan 27—Missouri Western | Away | 7:30 |
| Sat | Jan 31—Rockhurst | Home | 7:30 |
| Wed | Feb 4—Marymount | Away | 7:30 |
| Sat | Feb 7—Drury | Away | 7:30 |
| Tue | Feb 10—Park | Away | 7:30 |
| Sat | Feb 14—Evangel | Home | 7:30 |
| Tue | Feb 17—William Jewell | Away | 7:30 |
| Fri | Feb 20—Rockhurst | Away | 7:30 |
| Tue | Feb 24—Missouri Western | Home | 7:30 |
| Sat | Feb 28—Benedictine | Home | 7:30 |

Head Coach: Dennis Joyce

Nursing students ready for clinical Fall, 1987 may pick-up clinical applications in the nursing office. They are to be returned by February 2, 1987.

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older than I actually am. An added pressure to be sure, since I'm only 5 (in groundhog years). Why do you wait anxiously for a 5 year old to make a decision like this when you won't even allow a 5 year old child to cross the street alone? It just doesn't make sense to me.

The sun and the clouds think they are clever and comical. They do their best to taunt me. The sun tries to befriend me by offering me days of warmth so I can frolic in the melting snow. As the snow melts, I can usually find more snubs and grubs to gobble. Nice friend -- my waistline usually increases at least 2 or 3 inches before the big day! Then, there are the clouds. Scary creatures to contend with. They come out, usually on days when I am cleaning the small cozy hole I live in. The clouds wait until all of the furniture is out and then they drop the snow. You don't know how many Lazy-Boys I've lost to snow damage.

I can handle the furniture loss. It's the interruption of my winter vacation that frustrates and annoys me. If you take vacation, nobody shows up at your home waiting for you to show your face. No privacy, no rest and I have to be sure to have the sidewalk shoveled so no one slips and falls. So much to prepare for and complete before the big day. It really takes a big chunk out of my vacation.

The morning of February 2 is the worst possible day in a

groundhog's life. Snubs and grubs won't stay down -- a nervous stomach, to say the least. The floor always seems colder on my paws on that day -- tempting me to stay in bed just a few hours longer. If I was lucky, my clock/radio wouldn't go off! But, out of bed I climb. Some things need to be done before the media arrive. It's difficult burrowing out of the hole after scarfing snubs and grubs for days on end. How embarrassing not being able to come out and getting stuck mid-way through. (Winnie the Pooh made a fool out of himself doing that!) So, I make sure the hole is big enough for a clear exit. I spend the rest of the morning guessing what my "friends", the sun and the clouds, will decide to do.

If I was a stronger groundhog, I'd show you all and challenge the sun to a stand-off. I wish I didn't have this fear of the sun -- most 5 year olds are afraid of the dark! The only advantage of such a fear is an extended vacation for myself, but then you are disappointed in me. The pressure, the decisions, are too much for a groundhog to handle.

This may be my last year. It's easier standing in the unemployment line. I still haven't told you what you always want to know -- how much longer will you have to endure the cold, bitter, snowy Kansas City winter? I'll only tell you this much -- I'm feeling rather selfish and I think I could use 6 more weeks of vacation.

Watch For Record Lows This Winter



At Benetton, we've reached new lows. Just clip this coupon, and you can save 30% or more on selected items of all natural Italian funwear. It's our once a year Winter Sale! And our prices are dropping fast. So stop by soon and chill out on our discounts.

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Hemingway Film Series

The Friends of the Johnson County Library in cooperation with Johnson County Community College will present a Hemingway Film Series at 6 p.m. every Sunday evening in February at the college.

The following films will be shown in the Commons building in the corner lounge:

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| February 1 | "The Sun Also Rises" |
| February 8 | "A Farewell to Arms" |
| February 15 | "The Snows of Kilimanjaro" |
| February 22 | "The Old Man and the Sea" |

These are all full length feature films with major Hollywood stars including Gary Cooper, Gregory Peck and Spencer Tracy. All four may be seen for \$15. Pre-registration for the entire series may be made by calling 469-3836. Tickets at the door will be \$4.25 each. The famous original Hemingway T-shirts will also be sold at the door at each presentation.

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